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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:11. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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"CONCERNING REPROACH"

Too Much Talk on Some Lines Hurts The Experience of Those Thus Engaged.

WISDOM AND LOVE GREATLY NEEDED.

It is said of the sainted Polycarp that he was ordered by his persecutors to "reproach Christ," and they would release him. This he refused to do, and answered them in the following language, viz. "Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He never wronged me; and how can I blaspheme my King, who hath saved me? I am a Christian, and if you desire to learn the Christian doctrine, assign me a day and hear."

From the above statement we learn two distinct lessons. The first is that father Polycarp regarded reproach as blasphemy, and the second is that a Christian will not engage in such folly.

Concerning the first lesson it is evident that Polycarp regarded reproach as a form of blasphemy because he immediately replied, "How can I blaspheme my King?" This view is not foreign to the common usage of the word "reproach." Webster defines the word thus: "To censure severely; upbraid; severe blame mingled with contempt; object of scorn; shame or disgrace."

Polycarp refused to reproach Christ. He would die before he would do it. Refusing to reproach Christ he refused to censure Him; he refused to upbraid Him; he refused to blame Him; he refused to treat Him as an object of scorn, and would not regard Him as a shame and disgrace.

Referring to the second lesson it is pointed out plainly that one that is a Christian will not be guilty of reproaching another. Polycarp said, "I am a Christian," as much as to say a Christian will not reproach Christ. Polycarp could die, and did die, but he bluntly refused to reproach Christ. He remained firm in the matter and never did reproach Christ. Only a little while later his persecutors tried to burn him with fire, but the fire would not burn him, so they killed him with a sword.

When that beautiful character, Ruth, who refused to leave her mother-in-law, went to the field to glean after the reapers, only a solitary woman among the men, "Boaz" the owner of the field, commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not." This was as much as to say, "Do not blame her; do not shame her; do not scorn her; do not look upon her as an object of contempt, shame, and disgrace."

When Paul was trying to explain some matters to the Corinthian church about which he was accused he said, "I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak." For some cause, although Paul had been a father to them the church there had turned against him and reproached him. He acknowledged, that, in a moment of weakness he felt it keenly and suffered on account of it. But he braced himself up and became bold again.

It would seem strange indeed that after Paul had planted the church there, nourished and cared for it, that they would censure and scorn him, and talk reproachfully of him. But such is often the case among the human race. The greatest bene-

factors have often been covered over with reproaches by the very ones that have received the greatest benefits from his service.

We cannot think of Paul having done anything wrong that would merit such treatment, and Paul did not disband them as a church because they had reproached him, but he still gave them kind loving admonition while they treated him as an object of scorn. Paul could have said with the Psalmist, "Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face," but he rallied from the shock and declared a little later, "I take pleasure in reproaches." No doubt Paul felt keenly the effect of the reproach heaped upon him by those he loved, but he came out from under it, and his name still lives while the names of those who reproached him have long ago been forgotten.

After Paul got the victory over the reproach, and God had poured upon him a great slice of grace until he was able to say he took pleasure in reproaches he continued by saying, "I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me; for I ought to have been commended of you." How the church could heap upon Paul such reproach after he had sacrificed so much for them is a mystery to me, but this seems to be another breach, many we say, of the human race. Paul seemed to regard it as a weakness, although he told them plainly that instead of heaping blame or criticism upon him they ought to have commended him (2 Cor. 12:11) and helped him to bear the great burdens of the work.

Although they had been so unkind to him as to not only refuse to help him carry the great responsibilities that were upon him, but besides this reject and reproach him, he wrote them thus: "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I beloved." (2 Cor. 12:15.)

But for fear that something of this kind might be stirred up some time in the future, I feel like uttering a slight warning by saying, Too much talk on some lines hurts the experience of those thus engaged. In answering the question about who shall abide in the tabernacle or shall dwell in the Lord's holy hill, or in other words, who shall keep a good holy experience, the Psalmist says among other things, "He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor." (Psalms 15:3.) This is as much as to say that those that backbite and reproach another by so doing or in any other manner, will not be able to retain his Christian experience.

This view is verified by Paul again as he continues his letter to his "beloved" Corinthians. He says, "For I fear, lest when I come, I shall not find you such as I would," but I am afraid I will find among you "debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, uncleanness, and fornication and lasciviousness." The thought here is that heaping reproach upon their spiritual father and adviser and overseer will cause them to fall into debates among themselves, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults,

and fall so low as to become guilty of uncleanness, fornication and lasciviousness.

And this shows that the first start downward was caused by refusing to honor their pastor or overseer or those who are over them in the Lord, but instead of showing the honor due they reproached him.

Now to my own experience, now to your own experience, beloved, can I do this? Can you do it? Am I far enough along so that I can call those "dearly beloved" that have reproached me and I know they have? Can you do this? When you are censured by your brothers and sisters in the church and falsely accused, can you call them "dearly beloved?"

Now there it is. Paul had the experience. And he did not say one word about turning them out of the church. I guess if some one or more should reproach you, or speak reproachfully of you and cast your name out as evil, I guess you would say, "Well, I won't fellowship such folks, they must be turned out of the church." But did Paul say this? Did Paul say he would not fellowship them? Did he say they must be turned out of the church? Did he say he would not "lie under such abuse?" He said, "But we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying."

I wonder if there can be any reproaches in these days. I wonder if any one can have the privilege of seeing if he can love the more although the very ones he loves so much love him the less. It surely does not look like this experience related by Paul ought to be repeated. It does not look like our people would ever turn against their pastor or overseer in any church or state until such pastor or overseer will have to rise above the reproach and love his people the more while they love him less. Surely, surely, in these days of testings, days when perilous times are upon us, when we ought to stand the closer together, none of these things will happen. It does not look reasonable that any of our people would give way to such a spirit and thereby heap reproach upon their benefactor—those who are watching for their souls. (Heb. 13:17.)

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Paul was able to overcome the reproach that they heaped upon him, but not every one of us can be a Paul and master such things. But I wish to encourage every one that has been reproached to rise above it and get enough grace to love those that talk and spread the matter that has caused the reproach.

God bless our people and keep

THE SANCTIFIED LIFE FAILURE ON PART OF MANY TO LIVE IT

PRODUCE THE GOODS OR TAKE DOWN THE SIGN.

L. HOWARD JUILLERAT.

"And the very God of peace only in vital touch with Him, if sanctify you WHOLLY; and I you could only go to Him in your time of need as the trembling child cries out with terror when awakened by the lightning and thunder and fury of the storm, then as mother comes to its bedside, puts her gentle hand on its brow and soothes it off to peaceful rest—if you could now go to Father and get His words of comfort and cheer! Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly! O glory to God! "When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

We have no patience with the idea that the soul or spirit of man may be holy and at the same time his body has to sin. A person's soul or spirit be on fire for God, or sanctified, pure and holy and his body committing adultery, stealing or getting drunk! No, never! The spirit dwelling in the heavenly places with Christ while the body is debauched in sensual affairs—the spirit filled with all goodness, the body grovelling in sin of low degree—No! my friend such cannot be. "Every sin that a man doeth is without the body," says the inspired writer, he who was taught of God by revelation. Now this epistle was written to God's children so let us apply our text to ourselves and profit thereby.

This is certainly serious, and it only calls for a repetition of the above advice, "Too much talk on some lines hurts the experience of those thus engaged." Adding to this I wish to say, wisdom and love are greatly needed in these days lest we find ourselves backbiting, reproaching one another, talebearing, and speaking evil of dignities.

Paul says, "Speak evil of no man," but Jude shows the awfulness of speaking evil of dignities, and illustrates by saying that Michael the archangel would not even speak evil of the devil.

Paul's Corinthian church members were not afraid to speak evil of him but he loved them, and sought to help them and edify them. He loved them even if they did not love him. Pastors, overseers, can you love them the more when they love you the less? If so you are following on after Paul. Churches, members, do you reproach and dishonor your pastors and overseers by speaking evil of them or backbiting them? If so, then you are following closely after the members of the Corinthian church when they were reproaching Paul and refusing to love and honor him.

But I am persuaded better things of our people, and am only dropping these words of admonition because I know the tendency in these evil days. It is so easy for some people to talk, find fault, criticize and backbite, or take up a reproach upon some one that has been accused of guilt. Even if a man is guilty of something of which he is accused it is not becoming for me to peddle the news about the matter. There are better things to occupy my mind. When a man gets overcome and does bad it would be wrong for me to give him a kick and send him still further until he would probably get so discouraged that he would never try to rise again. I must love him. I must help him to rise again. But if I take up the reproach and backbite him and keep agitating the matter I will be no help to him. I only send him further down.

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Are you sanctified wholly if any of these things are in your life? If you are, then sanctification is not the great blessing that many claim. Either the Word of God is an exaggeration or else we haven't the blessing in its fullness. Paul says, "Let God be true, but every man a liar."

A life with any of the above traits is not one of victory—is a wretched sample of sanctifying grace. Produce the goods or take down the sign. The time is upon us when we must have that divine life—that life more abundant or we shall certainly go down under the great pressure of evil spirits.

This is a day when we need to be sanctified WHOLLY in our triune nature. How the enemy would like to play on our minds and it will be no heavenly, joyful tune either. He will try to make you talk against your brother or sister, or surmise things, make you have the wrong "feeling" toward them. How he would like to control our eyes and have us look at things we should not, yea, even with a

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The Fourteenth Annual As-
sembly convenes at Harriman,
Tenn., D. V., October 31 to
November 5, 1918. All who at-
tend will be expected to bear
their own expenses.

Do not fail to pray and become
more spiritual. Deep spirituality
and great grace should be pos-
sessed by all of the Lord's peo-
ple everywhere.

Order your Sunday school lit-
erature for next quarter early.
Do not wait for the rush. If you
have not already done so you
ought to attend to this matter at
once.

Now is a good time to boost the
Sunday school work. The hot
weather is about over and the
next quarter will continue
through Christmas times. Stir
yourselves up and try to have
bigger schools and more of them.
Get plenty of literature so you
will not have to be too sparing
with it.

The Bible training school is
to open Nov. 11, 1918. Have
quite a good number of appli-
cants now, but there should be
more. As we cannot hope for
many young men this year on
account of the war activities,
there ought to be many more
young women to take their place.
Remember much of the work of
the church will fall upon the sis-
ters because the men are in the
war, and they should make spe-
cial effort to qualify themselves.
Send for folder containing in-
formation and instructions con-
cerning the school.

The churches should remember
that pastors are not to be chosen
by the churches themselves any
more as they used to be. A note
from the minutes of the Twelfth
Annual Assembly may be helpful here.

"The selection of pas-
tors for all the churches shall be
in the hands of the elders chosen
to render assistance to the General
Overseer, as they work in
conjunction with the overseers
on the field and the local churches.
The plan as adopted and prac-
ticed is that the overseers of the
states select their district over-
seers and these district overseers
select pastors for the local chur-
ches. District overseers are to
counsel with overseer of state,
and when necessary the coun-
cillors at headquarters can be taken

into counsel. The district over-
seer is considered pastor of all
the churches in his district, and
those whom he may select are
considered assistant pastors.
Women can act as assistant pas-
tors and helpers.

Enter the campaign to put the
Evangel over the ten thousand
mark before the Assembly.
Friends, beloved in the Lord, we
must not fall down on this. Help
all you can.

Every one that comes to the
Assembly will be expected to
bring two dollars to pay on the
Assembly building. We must
pay out this year. Those who
cannot come should send their
two dollars.

Continue to pray earnestly for
the boys in the camps. Pray
that God will hold them up and
make them strong in the Lord
and in the power of His might.

Order the tracts and sow down
your community. Many are
pushing this kind of work and
already the fruits are showing.
Go thou and do likewise.

A few of the ministers have
failed to report at the first of the
month. If they knew the impor-
tance of this I am sure they
would be more prompt about it.
A few of the churches have failed
also. This makes a lameness
in the work. The forms ought
to be filled out and sent in whether
there is much to report or not.

Just received a message stat-
ing that we now have a church in
Canada. Thank God for this.
The message further states that
the people up there are hungry
for salvation.

Asheville, N. C.

Dear Evangel Family:

I praise God for His keeping
power. I praise Him for saving
and sanctifying me over seven
years ago. The third Sunday in
last March He filled me with the
precious Holy Ghost. Praise His name! He still abides. He
fills my soul so full I can hardly
write. Glory to His precious
name!

It is so good to know that Jesus
will never leave nor forsake us.
He is always near us in the hour
of temptation.

Please pray for me, especially
for the healing of my eyes, they
are very weak.

Your sister in Christ,
Jennie Roberts.

Notice.

I have a good place of about fifty
acres for sale. There is a good
new house and fine garden, some
good farming land and plenty of
timber. The place is in good
shape and in one half mile of the
Church of God where we have
three good meetings each week.
This is a fine healthy climate in
the mountains of western North
Carolina and a good place for a
holiness man who enjoys good
meetings.

For prices and terms write O.
C. Martin, Hayesville, N. C.

Request.

A seventeen-year-old boy of
Wedowee, Ala., who failed to
give his name, requests prayer
that he may be delivered from
the carnal mind.

Request.

Mrs. R. J. Casteel of Armuchee,
Ga., desires prayer that she may
be healed of a bleeding ulcer,
also that a way will be provided
for her to hear the gospel
preached.

Notice.

This is to notify the public
that Mrs. Blanche Knight is no
longer a member of the Church
of God at Miami, Fla.

O. H. Padgett,
Clerk.

Red Bay, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

It is my pleasure to deliver to
your readers the Church of God
Evangel; and I may add that I
know them personally—no more
consecrated band of workers
ever lived.

It has been very difficult for
them to establish a church owing
to the fact that this section of
country has become traditionized
to a few well known religious
creeds.

My religious inclination is to-
ward one of these creeds, but I
have no stones to throw at the
Church of God, because I know
the Spirit that prompts these
people.

There has been a great religious
revolution in this community
during the past year. Men and
women have boldly taken a stand
in religious worship and many
converts have been added to the
Church of God.

I feel that it is the duty of
every Christian to encourage
every one who is even religiously
inclined, for the religious
spirit is at a very low ebb.

I often wonder why a Christian in
one creed will be jealous and
antagonistic toward a Christian in
another creed. I believe every man and woman who has
been born again has love in the
heart for every Christian regard-
less of creeds.

Pardon this deviation from
the news item that I began in
the outset and I will describe in
detail the church established by
the converts of this section.

The doctrine of the Church of
God was preached from house to
house and occasionally a meeting
was held at a church building of
some other religious denomina-
tions until the spirit became
so strong they erected a beau-
tiful little temple on a neighbor-
ing hill in the wild woods dis-
tant from the home of any one.
However, no more convenient
site could have been selected, for
all who possess the faith of the
Church of God are encircled about
it.

Services are held regularly and
bright experiences are revealed.
Only a few days ago a poisonous
serpent was carried to the temple
and two were wonderfully saved
and filled with the Holy Ghost.
This was under the preaching of
Brother Dollyhite.

Then on the 28th Brother Tyler,
of Haynes, Ark., came and preached
for us three times and four
were saved and filled with the
Holy Ghost and spoke in other
tongues. One of them danced
under the power of the Spirit
for at least thirty minutes.

Much interest is being created
and no doubt on this beautiful
little hill amid the tall pines a
record will be left to be treasured
up many days hence.

No temple could be erected
nearer the heart of nature, for
the very air is rife at all times
with her music and mysteries.

A lonely cemetery is near; the
beautiful crystal springs adorn
every foothill; the feathered
creatures make merry in the
dense woods, while every creeping
thing adds enchantment to
the scene. Indeed, the little
church is near the heart of nature
and nature's God.

Fraternally,
John F. Davis.

Trenton, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am thanking and praising
God for the great Savior of the
world, for a full and free salva-
tion, a salvation that makes the
love of God bubble up when we
get together and sing His
praises.

I also praise the Lord for His
great healing power. A God
who heals His worshipers of chills
and fever and pellagra is worth
serving. Praise His dear name!

We have just closed a meeting
here and the Lord certainly did
bless. Seven were saved, sanctified
and baptized with the Holy
Ghost. Praise the Lord!

Please pray for the work at
Trenton.

Your unworthy brother,
A. B. Jenkins.

Request.

I want all the saints to pray a
special prayer for me. I want

to get loose from all other duties
so I can give my entire time to
the great work of the gospel.

I have just come in from an
evangelistic trip. I saw so many
poor hungry souls crying out to
God for salvation, it breaks my
heart to have to come in and go
to work gathering my crops. I
had to refuse four or five places
where they want me, even me,
to hold meetings. It melts me
to tears as I write these lines.
Pray for me.

M. A. Looney,
Armuchee, Ga.

Evansville, Ind.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for the five
weeks meeting that we had in
Evansville. Five souls were saved
and sanctified and four wonder-
fully baptized with the Holy
Ghost.

We had with us Brother Gillas-
pie, of Illinois, and Brother I. H.
Marks, of Florida.

Large crowds attended the ser-
vices. The house was packed all
around the doors.

God is still blessing, and people
are seeking Him. Pray much for
the meetings that others will
receive the Holy Ghost.

Your brother,
J. Johns.

Notice.

To the Churches of God in Ar-
kansas:

I had hoped to visit you before
this, but I have been hindered
by the sickness of my invalid
son. I hope to come just as soon
as I can. Help me pray for the
child that the Lord will com-
pletely heal him.

E. J. Boehmer,
Overseer of Arkansas.

Trenton, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The Lord is still doing a won-
derful work here. We had ser-
vices two days the first of last
week. Two were wonderfully
saved and baptized with the
Holy Ghost. This was under the
preaching of Brother Dollyhite.

Services are held regularly and
bright experiences are revealed.
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and filled with the Holy Ghost.
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Let us love and love and love
one another, and I am sure we
will always be a blessing and
able to help others. This is our
duty in life. Help those who
need help.

We expect to build a church
right away.

We covet your prayers that the
work may continue to prosper.
Your unworthy brother,
E. O. Smith.

Cartersville, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
Evangel Family:

When I was about nineteen
years old I joined the M. E.
church and was sprinkled. Later
on I became dissatisfied with the
way I was baptized, so I joined
the Baptist church. When I
went into the water to be bapt-
ized the Lord forgave my sins.
Bless His name!

Soon the Holiness people came
to Lindale, Ga., and began
preaching the Word. The Spirit
led me to go and let them pray
for me. I went, and the second
time I went to the altar the Lord
really sanctified me. Glory to
Jesus!

The next day after I was sancti-
fied He baptized me with the
Holy Ghost and I spoke in other
tongues as the Spirit gave utter-
ance. Glory to Jesus! The
Holy Ghost gives peace and joy
and comfort. Praise God!

Soon after receiving the bap-
tism of the Holy Ghost I became
a member of the Church of God.

I am on my way to heaven and
I mean to go all the way with Je-
sus whatever the cost may be.
The way gets brighter every day.

About four months ago the
Lord healed me of chills and fever.

I desire the prayers of the
readers in behalf of my loved ones
that they may see the light and
come into this way.

Your sister in Christ,
Nancy E Quarles.

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them in the love of God and give
them grace to keep them true
whether they are tempted to
take up a reproach on another
and peddle it, or those that may
be suffering the reproach heaped
upon them by others.

Let us love and love and love
one another, and I am sure we
will always be a blessing and
able to help others. This is our
duty in life. Help those who
need help.

BECOMING LIKE JESUS

W. E. Halle

Today my eyes are on the
mountain top. I am running to-
ward Zion with determination to
gain the joys of that eternal city
at any cost.

Truly we are in the last days
of the last days, a time when one
should die out to the last and
least remains of sin, everything
unlike God; in other words, be-
ing like Jesus. Of course
looking like Jesus would necessi-
tate walking like Jesus.

Suffering For Our Lord

SAM. C. PERRY.

God's people in all ages have been called upon more or less to suffer for him. In various ways and under various circumstances the sufferings come, even in the most favored times. For the apostle said, "Yea and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." None are exempt, it will come in some form or other.

From the general tenor of the Scripture it seems that it is necessary that they should come, for our good in perfecting our faith and love, and in tempering and preparing us for God's service here, and the kingdom hereafter. "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience." (Jas. 1:2-3) Whatever adds to our spiritual life must be in mercy sent or at least allowed, and is therefore in divine order.

There is a special blessing to those who suffer for the Savior. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." There is a special partnership between Christ and those who endure suffering for Him. Those who suffer for Him realize it and are comforted in the hour of pain. This comfort has been the stay of many a martyr while languishing in prison, or being led to the stake. What a glorious experience it must have been to the soul passing down the dark valley to have the Savior light up the way with His presence, giving assurance and strength to cheer and sustain when no one else could help.

No matter the extent of our pain or sorrow Jesus understands. He can enter heartily into any experience which may come to His own. He never misunderstands or misjudges us. He never over rates our strength or ability. He knows just what we can stand, and what are the needs, even though we do not know or understand ourselves or our feelings, He does. He is altogether on the side of His suffering ones to see that their cause is vindicated, and although they are not always vindicated in this life, He will see to it that they are in the life to come.

His suffering ones are His special witnesses. In their sufferings they are often enabled to witness for their Master more effectively than in any other way. The genuine article will show its qualities better under a test than otherwise. Many things look good outwardly that do not prove the test when applied. Many things glitter like gold that are not found to be gold when tested by the one who knows gold. We do not know just what kind of witnesses we'd be in times of extreme suffering if we have never been tried. The most severe tests prove the qualities of the metal.

The persecutions and enmity directed at the Christian are not against him, but against his Master, the meek and lowly Nazarene, therefore our suffering is for Him and not for ourselves; realizing this there is greater blessing and satisfaction in the suffering. The world always hated Christ, and He permits His followers to share the shame with Him therefore as we suffer with Him and for Him, we partake of the glories of His reward and reign with Him in His kingdom.

Jesus Christ bore our sins on the cross and there suffered for us and in our godly lives we suffer for Him in enduring patiently all that comes upon us for His sake.

Honor and glory follow in the life of those who suffer for Christ, special favors and blessings are to them because of their devotion to Him. It has always been, and is still honorable to suffer for the truth. If it is

here, how much more will it be so in the coming kingdom when the true merit of every man is known and his deeds receive full recompence of reward.

The great reward awaiting the faithful was that which inspired the prophets and apostles of old. Saint Paul said, "There is a crown laid up for me which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me at that day." Another apostle said, "Ye shall receive the crown that faileth not away." And again the sufferings of this present time are "not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." God always abundantly repays all who suffer for His name's sake.

Those sufferings which we endure for Jesus' sake work good to the sufferer, and not ill, as the persecutors desire. So that which was aimed against us is made a blessing to us, to help us in our race to glory.

Christ our King suffered as we, but He is King just the same. In fact we are taught that our King "was made perfect through suffering." He went through suffering to victory and so may all His followers. So many times we have heard the expression "no cross no crown." While this is not a Scriptural expression, it is true that the crown is won through suffering, and we enter the kingdom through persecution.

Let us not for a moment think that all the persecution that comes upon Christians is for Christ's sake, and will therefore be rewarded by Him; we believe there are many who bring needless persecutions and sufferings upon themselves by unwise or careless conduct. Some times a little word or act in a careless way has worked untold harm in bringing persecution upon an individual or the whole church. We need great wisdom at all times that we may so conduct ourselves in everything, that we shall be worthy of the vocation with which we are called, living a life where we are actually persecuted for Christ's sake, and suffer for His name and truth.

Dayton, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have just closed a revival at Morgantown, one mile from this place. Brother Tom McClendon and others assisting.

The Lord wonderfully blessed many people. The good Methodists and Baptists shouted and said they knew it was the power of God for they could feel it. Ten were saved, eight were sanctified and seven received the Holy Ghost and of course spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Fourteen followed the Lord in water baptism and nine were added to the church.

The last night of the meeting we observed the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet.

The Lord is greatly blessing the saints here and drawing them closer together. All seem to be looking forward to the coming of our great King.

We are making preparations to build a church in Dayton. We request the prayers of all the readers.

L. L. Turner, pastor.

Spartanburg, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to testify to having had this wonderful experience five years and the way gets brighter every day.

I praise God, not only for saving me, but for keeping me. I am persuaded that nothing shall separate me from the love of Christ.

Dear friends, Jesus is dearer to me tonight than ever in the past. I can sit here and see His goodness better as I remember

how He has led and prepared me for this time. Bless His good name!

Dear reader, don't get discouraged and give up, remember His strength is made perfect in weakness. He has proved this in my experience.

We read in First Peter 4:1, "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind." I am afraid some of us try to shun the suffering too much. There are things we should suffer, but there are things we should not suffer. Read the entire fourth chapter of First Peter, then act.

May God's richest blessings be upon all the readers. Don't forget to pray for us boys in the camps.

If any one feels led to write to me it will be very much appreciated, even if I can't write to all personally.

Your little brother,
Darius Bancroft,
57 Pioneer Inf.
Co. H, Camp Wadsworth,
Spartanburg, S. C.

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Spartanburg, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank God for saving me and sanctifying me. I desire your prayers that I may receive the Holy Ghost.

I shall be glad to hear from anybody that will write me.

If there are any Holiness boys at camp Wadsworth I should be glad to meet them.

Pray for me. I need prayer.

Your brother,
W. V. Swindell,
Co. I, 57 Pioneer Inf.
Camp Wadsworth,
Spartanburg, S. C.

Whitwell, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Brother Hickman preached for us Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. The presence of the Lord was wonderfully manifested. Some of the saints danced under the power, some talked in tongues and some handled fire.

The devil has been putting up a strong fight for a while, but we are praising God for victory.

The seed has been sown and I know the reaping day is coming.

Pray that God will save souls here.

Your sister,
Janie Smith.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for the way He is blessing us folks in Alabama.

On August 11, we had communion service at Pratt City and the Lord certainly did bless us. At the close of the feet-washing service we gave an altar call and ten or twelve came and fell into the altar. Two or three were saved and one received the Holy Ghost, for we heard her speak with tongues. Two united with the church.

This church has only been set in order about three months but it is coming to the front. We have some good people there that mean to go through at any cost. Pray much for them.

We had communion service at Dora on August 18. The Lord wonderfully manifested His presence.

After we took the Lord's supper and began to talk about how Jesus washed His disciples' feet, one of the most prominent ladies of Dora broke down in tears came rushing to the altar and begged for prayer. She paid the price and in about thirty minutes was talking in tongues and giving out a message to the sinners. She received a wonderful experience and walked the floor several minutes telling the people what the Lord had done for her. Her little boy and girl have also received the Holy Ghost.

Pray for us. We are reaching for the mountain top.

Yours in the Lord,

T. A. Richard.

Notice

To The Churches of The Knoxville District:

On the second Saturday of October our district conference will convene at Knoxville, Tenn. All of the preachers, deacons and clerks are expected to attend this meeting which will be held for the purpose of preparing the annual report for each local church in the district. Don't fail to come. The clerks are requested to bring their church books with them.

Everybody is invited to attend this meeting. We want all the members to come who possibly can. Come and help us to have a good time in the Lord.

Your humble servant,
W. R. Anderson.

Oakvale, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for salvation. I am blessedly saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

Brother Arthur Fortner has just closed a few days meeting here. Much good was accomplished. Some were reclaimed, some saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and are shouting the victory. Praise the Lord. The power of the Lord was wonderfully manifested.

Please pray for us.

Your sister in Christ,

Laura Thomas.

Lutz, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The Evangel has been a great help to me. I subscribed about three months ago while Sister Lula Jones was holding the meeting at Tucker, Fla.

This meeting was the first of the kind I ever saw. I saw the experience possessed by the people was just what I needed. Something seemed to keep calling me to go to the altar, but I resisted. Finally one night I felt so miserable I just had to go. So I went to the altar crying. Thank God, I prayed my way through to victory.

A little later I was sanctified and then filled with the Holy Ghost. Glory to God!

I am only eighteen years old, but I can realize what a serious thing it is to not be saved, and especially in these perilous times. Praise the Lord for salvation!

Your brother,

W. R. Sanders.

Your sister in Christ,

Clarendon, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for this wonderful salvation that sets people free from condemnation.

I was saved and sanctified about three years ago and about one year ago the Lord baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name! I have been battling for the Lord ever since. I love Him because He first loved me. Hallelujah!

I mean to go through with Jesus. Bless His name! I desire the prayers of the saints that I may stay humble at His feet.

L. M. Hollowell.

Bayland, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may be healed. I have been sick over nine weeks.

I was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost May 12, 1918.

Your sister,
Mae Kisling.

Camp Shelby, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I was once saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost but I have lost the joy of salvation. I have not gone back to my old sinful habits, but I just feel that I am not in the will of God.

Please pray for me, and not only me, but for all the boys. Your prayers and also a letter from any one will be appreciated very much.

Jasper Crews,
Co. E., 120 Inf.
Camp Shelby,
Miss.

Russell, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

Praise the Lord! I am saved and sanctified through the blood of Jesus and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and kept by the power of God. I have victory in my soul.

We, my husband, our son, and myself are members of the Church of God at Toledo, Ohio. There is no church here at Russell, Ky., but we are praying that one will be established. I hope the saints will pray to this end. We have talked with some and they are in favor of a church. So please pray for us.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Mary Candill.

Straight Creek, Ky.

Wisdom Necessary Among Both Ministry and Laity.

F. J. LEE

Paul says, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without." The next verse says, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how to answer every man." —Col. 4:5, 6.

Notice that our very walk must be in wisdom with them that are without. Also, we should know how to answer every man on the outside of the church as well as on the inside.

Many get into trouble by not seasoning their words. Our digestive organs protest against food that requires salt if not salted. So also, there is something about human nature that repels harsh, unkind words, regardless of how great a preacher the speaker may be; his harsh words will get him into trouble. Paul said, "The servant of God must not strive."

Not only should the minister know how to answer every man, but the laity should be very careful how they speak, especially as concerning the government. "Use wisdom toward them that are without." Oh, that our people would use wisdom! We don't need to be preaching about the government or saying something slurring because it is not run just like we think it should be. Our business is "To be subject unto the higher powers." —Rom. 13:1. See, also, verse 2. "Whosoever resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive unto themselves damnation (condemnation—margin.) This does not mean the power of the Holy Ghost as some have construed, but the governmental power. And they that do it shall be condemned, both by the government, the church and God Himself.

Jude said, "For there are certain men crept in unawares." The Syriac says, "Obtained entrance." Where? Into the church. See verse 12. "These are spots in your feasts of charity when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear." Paul said, "Let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven * * * but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." —1 Cor. 5:8. Paul's address was to the Church of God at Corinth. The feast then that Jude had reference to was the sacrament or Lord's supper. And they seem to have no fear (verse 12.) What do they do? Speak evil of dignities and despise dominion. See verse 8. O. J. Nave, Author of Student's Bible, says this has reference to insubordinate members of the early church who were hostile to authority, civil or ecclesiastical. As members of this kind were undesirable in Jude's day, so also, are they today undesirable. Then let us be careful and guard our words that we bring no reproach upon the worthy cause of the Lord, His church, through ignorance or ingratitude.

I'm sure I'm grateful for our government and to our government for the great wisdom manifested in conservation of food as well as other things. Tens of thousands would have been suffering today if it had not been for the great wisdom manifested in conserving flour, sugar and other food stuffs.

I never before realized the greatness of this government as I do now. They are going to the utmost to keep us from being overrun by the enemy. They are straining every tension to keep us, as well as the army, supplied with the necessities of life. They are lenient with our folks and give them non-combatant service, if applied for in the proper manner.

In conclusion let me say, BE CAREFUL, BE CAREFUL. If you can't say something good about the government, don't say anything at all.

THE SANCTIFIED LIFE, ETC.

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magnifying glass until faults of others appear very great while our own go almost unnoticed.

If the enemy can't get us to jest and joke and engage in foolish conversation he will keep us from prayer in secret; he will make us feel that we haven't time to read the precious Word while we have time to spare for these hurtful things.

To the souls that get from under the blood will come a restless, dissatisfied spirit; they are not contented anywhere but they want to be on the "go," they wander from place to place; they can't live right where they are but if they could go to another city they just believe they could overcome. Somehow they lose their bearings concerning spiritual things and at last, when honest, declare that they don't know whether they are saved or not.

What conflicts are carried on in the souls that are not in constant vital touch with God!

They don't seem to have the awe and reverence for sacred things that one who is really sanctified possesses; they don't walk softly before God; they tread where angels dare not. What recklessness this often leads to and utter disregard for holy things.

The nearer one lives to God the more he realizes the awful sublimity of His holiness—the wondrous depth of His grace—the infinity of His love.

I believe, too, that a soul truly sanctified will use his money and property to the glory of God. He will at least render to God the things that are God's and that is no less than a tenth of one's income. Why, in the Old Testament we read that the Lord said, "Sanctify unto me all the first born * * * it is mine." A man does not love God and His work very much who will not render unto Him the things that are His.

A wholly sanctified soul will not have a contentious, combative spirit, carrying a "chip on his shoulder" ready to resent every insult or shameful act against him; but when he is persecuted for Christ's sake, he will rejoice.

A sanctified soul will have a spirit of longsuffering, and while holding to the truth and willing to lay down his life for it rather than compromise, yet he will be patient toward those who oppose or who can't see as he does. In fact as one said, "a sanctified soul is the nearest thing like heaven in this world." In the midst of sin it remains pure, serene, undefiled. In the world, but not of the world, separated unto God. O wondrous privilege! O blessed life! How grand if we all would live it. May God grant us a wholly sanctified life—spirit, soul and body, ALL HIS! Amen!

Gastonia, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to acquaint the Evangel family and friends of the grace of God which appeared unto me more than five years ago. When I first heard holiness preached I at once made my consecration to God, and I am praising Him for sanctifying me wholly through the precious blood of Jesus.

I was at that time a minister in the Missionary Baptist church and had been ordained a missionary of the Sunday school work.

After walking in the light of holiness I went to the place where I was brought up and preached and testified to them of my experience of the sanctified life. The most of the people treated me with contempt,

but I thank God for the grace and peace which I had received that enabled me to stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

I at once began to preach in the streets of the village and some of the towns of my county and held several meetings.

Upon returning home on one occasion my mother informed me that the people had turned me out of the church. When I heard this great joy flooded my soul.

Some time afterward, the Lord wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire and I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance Glory to His name forever! Since that time I have had a new vision of God's plan for our eternal salvation, in which plan he has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

Having received this anointing I began my evangelistic work. I journeyed as far south as Jacksonville, Fla. It was there I met a body of the Church of God people and worshiped with them. I preached the Word in the church and on the streets of that city more than two months. Several were saved and sanctified.

It was there that I saw the light on the Church of God and ever since that time I have walked in the light and preached it.

I have obtained several subscribers for the Evangel and more than once I have subscribed for friends whom I met. I have read the Evangel every week for three years even if I had to read an old copy again.

I am truly glad to say that I am a member of the Church of God, having joined at Gastonia, N. C., June 16, 1918. I was baptized in water by Brother O. T. Morgan (white.)

I am now pastor of the church there and we are having victory. We had a baptizing last Sunday and that night we observed the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet. The power fell and there was great rejoicing.

The Church of God shall rise and shine. The glory of the Lord has come. It has been hidden by many creeds, but glory it is now revealed.

Please pray for me and the work here.

Your brother,
Thomas J. Richardson.

Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I just want a little space in the Evangel to tell what the Lord has done for me.

I had been praying for the baptism of the Holy Ghost for a long time and about two weeks ago while in a prayer and testimony meeting on Route 2, Oneonta, Ala., where the Lord was blessing everybody, I got so hungry for the blessing it seemed that I couldn't wait for it another minute. I got up to ask the people to pray for me; I suppose they did, I didn't wait to see, but I know the power fell and I really received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Glory to Jesus!

But then the devil came and oh, how he did try me. I began to doubt and of course the joy was gone. But a few nights later while all my folks were asleep I crept off alone to stay until victory came. I don't know how long I stayed there and fought the devil; I never realized before that he had so much power. But after a while the power of the Holy Ghost fell and I began shouting and praising the Lord and speaking in other tongues. Just then the devil had business somewhere else. I praised the Lord all night long and have been praising Him ever since.

Pray for me that I may keep

humble and in the center of God's will all the time.

Yours for Jesus,
Mrs. W. A. Murphree.

Maitland, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints—Greetings:

About the last of July Mrs. Brawner and I had the privilege of attending a meeting in O'Brien, Florida, mostly in charge of C. M. Padgett and wife, also assisted by Brother Johnson and Brother Bradley of Branford, also many other saints from Branford.

The meeting was a place of much rejoicing and power from the Lord. Oh, how the saints did shout and dance. Brother Bradley under the power ran his hands through the torch light blaze and of course without injury.

Quite a number were healed. One blind girl was partially healed by the power of God.

Three or four received the baptism, eight or ten were saved and seven sanctified. The meeting closed with several at the altar seeking the baptism. Eternity alone will tell the great good accomplished in this meeting.

Mrs. Brawner and I and C. M. Padgett and wife desire by this means to express our gratitude to the people of O'Brien and vicinity for their great kindness to us. May the richest blessings of heaven rest upon them all and may they be led on to a rich spiritual experience is our prayer.

Since attending the above meeting the writer, on August 26, was smitten with paralysis in his entire left side and asks the prayers of the saints for his recovery if it is God's will. Amen.

Yours in Jesus' name,
W. A. Brawner.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God tonight for the way He leadeth me. I am still under the blood, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

We are having some grand meetings now. We began a revival one week ago. The Lord is pouring out His Spirit upon us. An elderly lady who had opposed holiness was brought to the meeting last Friday night. She was afflicted but the Lord healed her immediately and she danced around over the church praising God.

Many hungry souls are visiting our meetings seeking for this wonderful salvation.

We intend to continue the meeting two or three weeks longer. We desire the prayers of all the saints that God may continue to pour out His Spirit upon us.

Your brother in Christ,
W. S. Smith.
1720 Titan St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Holly Springs, Ga.

Dear Evangel Readers:

Today finds me still saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I feel that my way is clear.

I praise the Lord for healing my little boy. I prayed and trusted Him alone. The Lord has been so good to me.

I do enjoy reading the good testimonies and articles by Brother Tomlinson, Brother Perry and others. Reading them makes me desire a better experience.

I desire the prayers of all of God's children. Please pray especially for my dear son who is in the camps. He is a member of the Church of God.

Your sister,
Othella Reece.

Red Bay, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for real salvation. He has saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus!

Almeda Hall.

Request.

Mrs. D. L. McDougal of Jacksonville, Alabama requests prayer for her healing. She is suffering with pellagra. She also requests prayer for her mother who is seeking the experience of sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Notice.

A meeting will begin at Melrose, Ga., October 9, D. V., and will continue until the 13, inclusive. On the 12, will be the regular district conference for the Valdosta district which includes Lowndes, Brooks, Echols, Clinch and Thomas counties, also the church at Moniac, Ga. All the clerks and pastors in above district are expected to be there at least on Saturday, the 12.

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